

We claim:

- 1 1. A DNA vector construct comprising  
2 an internal ribosomal entry site (IRES),  
3 a selection marker, and,  
4 a green fluorescent protein marker.
- 1 2. A cell stably transfected with the DNA vector construct of claim 1.
- 1 3. The cell of claim 2 wherein said cell is a stem cell.
- 1 4. A reagent for assessing biological processes in real time, comprising a sufficient quantity of  
2 cells stably transfected with the DNA construct of claim 1 in a suitable carrier medium.